



## Town of Southern Shores

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Bob Harvey, Chief  
Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department  
15 South Dogwood Trail  
Southern Shores, NC 27949

Dear Chief Harvey,

Enclosed is a draft in the amount of \$523,000 appropriated by the Town Council on June 15, 2010 by adoption of its FY 2010-2011 general operating budget. This appropriation was calculated pursuant to the existing Fire Services Contract between the Town and the Fire Department entered into on February 1, 2009. The Fire Department and the Town had mutually determined prior to budget adoption that the revenues generated by 2 cents of tax rate, being \$344,000, would not be sufficient to cover the actual cost of providing fire protection services for the Town this fiscal year. The excess amount necessary for such operations was determined to be \$129,000, which represents an additional .75 cents of tax rate. Per the Contract therefore, the new effective tax rate for annual funding for the 2011-2012 fiscal year will be 2.75 cents.

Also in accordance with the Agreement, an additional amount of \$50,000 was appropriated on June 15, 2010 by the Town Council in the form of a grant to be applied by the Department towards the costs of acquiring 800 mhz radios. Recently, on July 6, 2010 and pursuant to its granting authority in the Agreement, the Town Council authorized one disbursement of the full amount of the annual appropriation as budgeted, rather than two biannual payments.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely

Peter Rascoe  
Budget Officer / Town Manager

cc: Mayor  
Council Members